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1. IN GENERAL CONVERSATION APRIL 29 ABOUT FORTHCOMING OASGA (SEPTTEL), EMBOFF RAISED SUBJECT WITH ENRIQUE BERNSTEIN, FONMIN POLITICAL ADVISER, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GA PREPARATIONS.

2. BERNSTEIN SAID MINISTRY WAS SKEPTICAL ABOUT VALUE OF DRAFT CONVENTION AND STRONGLY WANTED TO AVOID CONFRONTATION WITH USG, BUT FOR POLICAL REASONS COULD NOT RESIST LA CONSENSUS. HE WAS WELL AWARE THAT CONVENTION WITHOUT APPROVAL OF USG WOULD BE VALUELESS. GOC WOULD LIKE TO EXAMINE ALTERNATIVES; BERNSTEIN SUGGESTED AS POSSIBLE WAY OUT REFERRING SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENTS FOR FURTHER STUDY.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, BERNSTEIN MENTIONED MARCH 11 CONVERSATION IN FONMINISTRY DURING ASSSECY ROGERS' VISIT. HE RECALLED THAT DURING DISCUSSION OF SELA, ECONOMIC COORDINATION MINISTER RAUL SAEZ REFERRED TO WHAT HE CONSIDERED REMARKABLY GENEROUS AGREEMENT
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BETWEEN EEC AND ACP GROUP OF 47 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

AND ASSTSECY ROGERS WONDERED WHETHER IT WOULD BE USEFUL
TO SET UP SOME NEW DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM WITHIN OAS.
BERNSTEIN SAID THIS IDEA MIGHT BE GOOD WAY OF
DISSIPATING PRESSURE ON COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY
QUESTION AND ASKED WHETHER USG EXPECTED TO BRING UP
SUBJECT AT OASGA.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: MAY WE INFORMED AS TO WHETHER
AND HOW COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY CONVENTION WILL BE
HANDLED IN OASGA, AND WHAT WE MAY SAY IN RESPONSE TO
BERNSTEIN'S INQUIRY.

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